#### **DocDB Thoughts**

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#### Introductions

- I'm the principle author of DocDB, which CD has been using for some months now.
- This product was originally developed for BTeV. Now used by Beams, FOCUS, LBL, and several others I'm forgetting
- Implementation: Perl and MySQL
  - Mixed in is a little Javascript
- Since most of you are familiar with DocDB, I don't plan to give much more general info

# **Meeting Organization in DocDB**

- I gather this is what this group is most interested in
- In DocDB, meetings are another type of topic
  - This is historical and kind of a kludge
- Even later, a meeting organizer was added to DocDB
  - I'll say a little about this, but mostly leave time for questions and discussion

### Registration

- Currently based on groups with Basic HTTP password
  - Talk to someone to get password
  - Groups have a hierarchy, some can be read only
    - E.g. BTeV has "Review". Review is read only and any document Review can see, BTeV can see
  - Lists of what groups can view and modify documents can be separated.

# More on Registration

- In development: X509 certificate authorization
  - First time user has "Public" access, directed to form to request membership in groups
  - Administrator decides if those groups are correct, confirms user
  - Access proceeds as before with group hierarchy
  - Validation of certificate is handled by web server
  - Can set-up read-only group area like current
- Future: Individual HTTP Basic accounts

# **Meeting Structure**

- Any number of "groups" of meetings can exist (Reviews, Series, etc.)
- A meeting can have any number of sessions
- A session can have any number of talks
- Breaks can be entered in agenda too
- I know CD does something a little different with sessions really being meetings

# Organizing a Meeting

- Can be top down
  - Agenda is entered in advance by maintainer
- Can be bottom up
  - Enter existing document numbers into agenda
- Want it to be useful for large meetings with parallel sessions and afternoon work group meetings
  - Small meetings require creating a meeting and a session. May be best to simplify entry of single session meetings.

#### Intentions

- Important to understand what DocDB is intended for:
  - Trusted group(s) of individuals (like a collaboration)
  - Even though in the next version users can have their own login, anyone in one group can change the documents in the same group
  - For this reason, it's not appropriate for a real conference, really. (But, see Lepton-Photon 2003.)







